

SIDE STORY: 7 MONTHS EARLIER

SORRY
ABOUT THE
WAIT. NOW IF
YOU'LL COME
ON BACK...

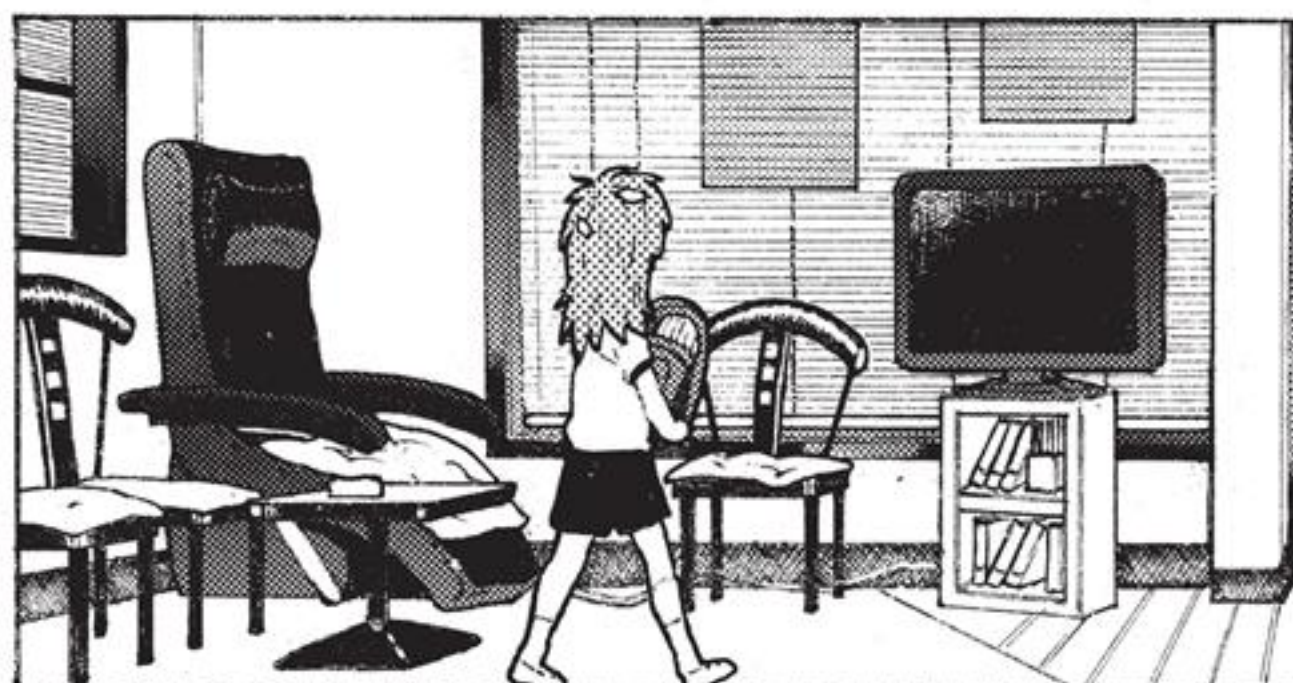
...IF
YOU'LL
COME
WITH
ME...?

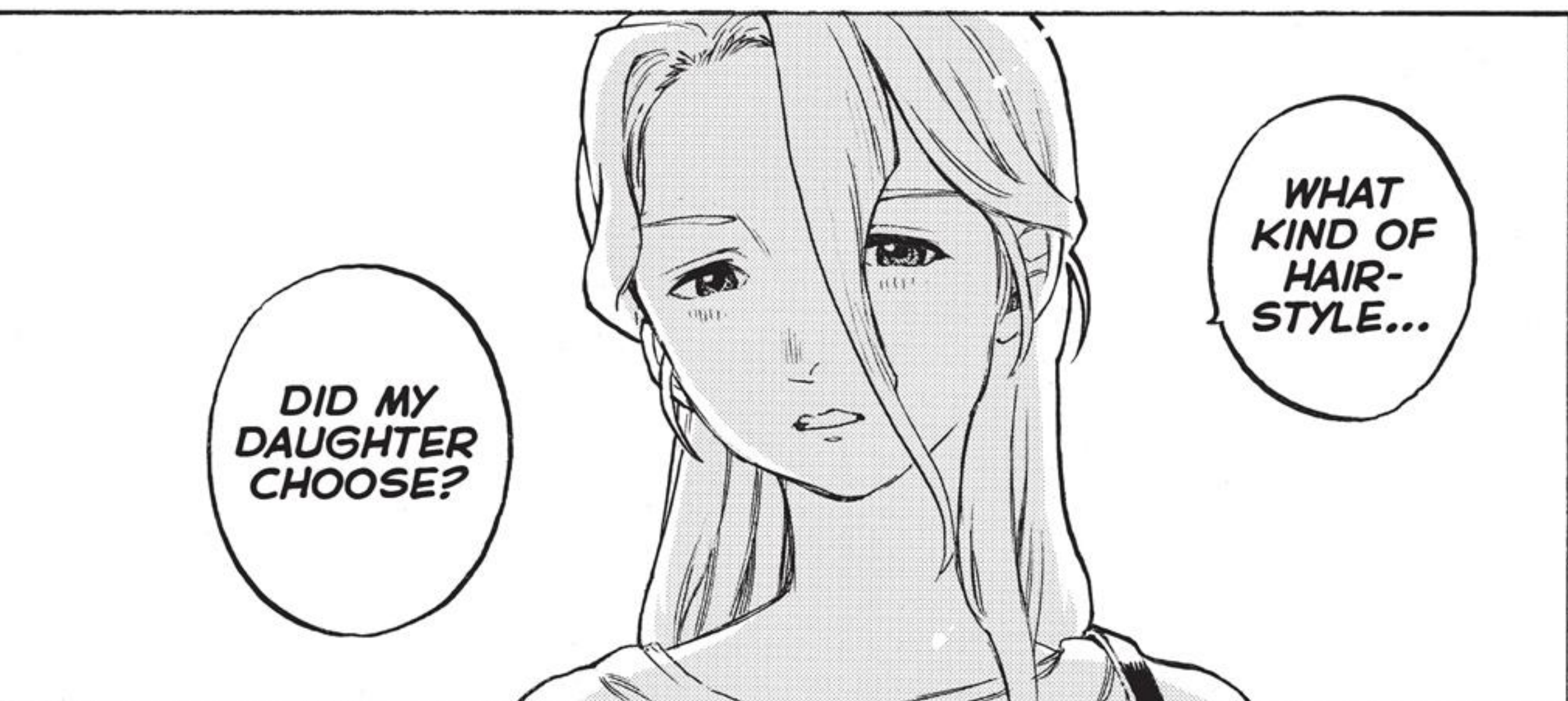
...?

...?!

IF
YOU'LL
COME
ON
BACK...









IT'S NO
USE.

ARE YOU
OKAY WITH
ME CUTTING
IT THIS
SHORT?

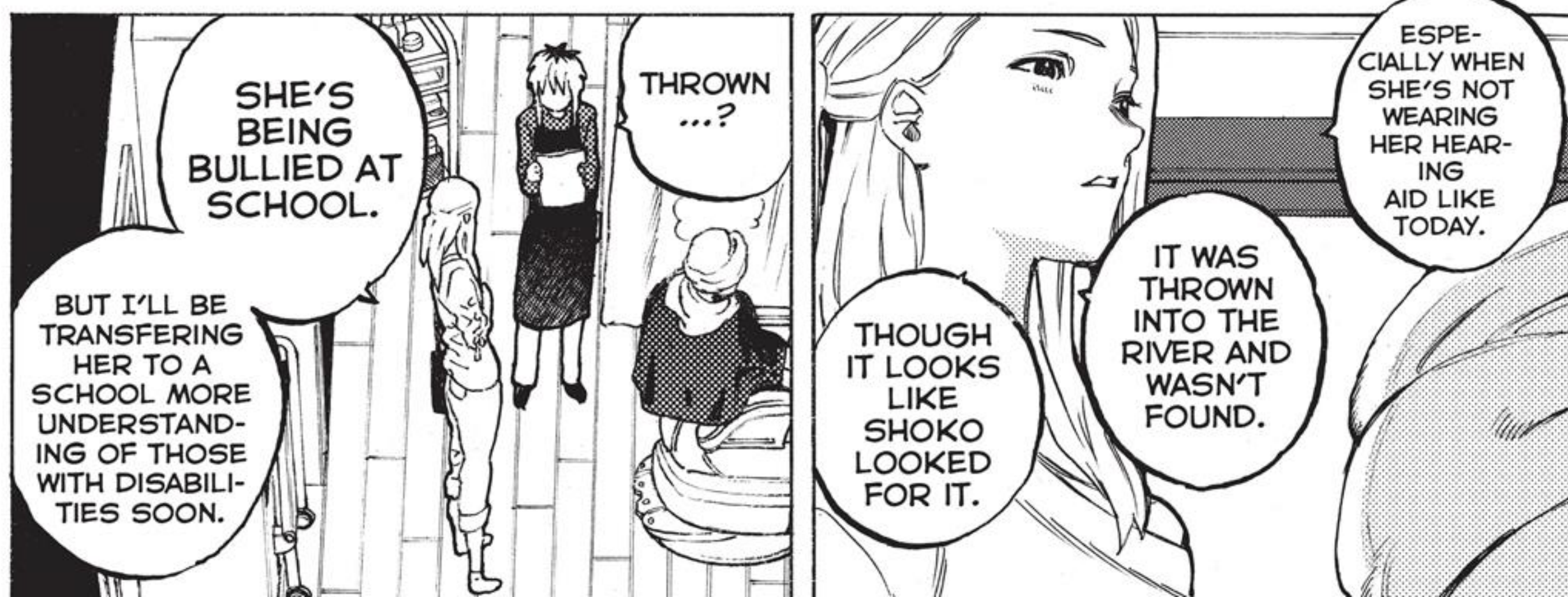
UMM...
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?



**SHE
CAN'T
HEAR
YOU.**



...!!



SHE'S
BEING
BULLIED AT
SCHOOL.

BUT I'LL BE
TRANSFERRING
HER TO A
SCHOOL MORE
UNDERSTAND-
ING OF THOSE
WITH DISABILI-
TIES SOON.

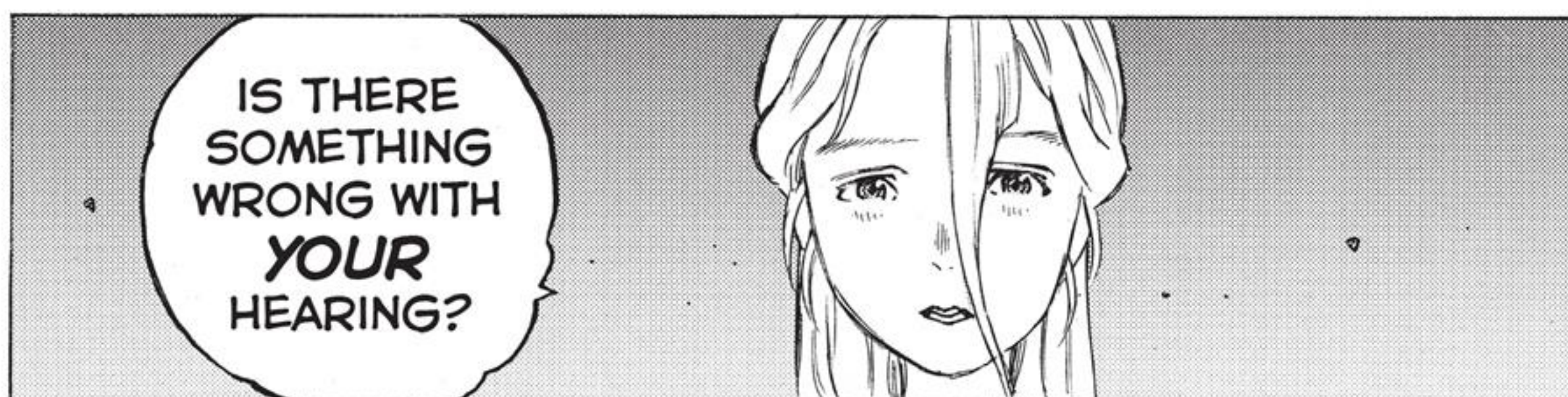
THROWN
...?

THOUGH
IT LOOKS
LIKE
SHOKO
LOOKED
FOR IT.

IT WAS
THROWN
INTO THE
RIVER AND
WASN'T
FOUND.

ESPE-
CIALLY WHEN
SHE'S NOT
WEARING
HER HEAR-
ING
AID LIKE
TODAY.





**WHAT'S
IMPORTANT IS
KEEPING MY
DAUGHTER
FROM BEING
BULLIED!!**

**I DIDN'T
ASK FOR
YOUR
OPINION!!
OR
SHOKO'S!!**

